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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6037

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ETRD, EIND, SP

SUBJECT: SPANISH FILM RESTRICTIONS

REF STATE 118560, JUNE 10; MADRID 3343, JUNE 14; STATE
85092, MAY 5

1. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 3 OF REFTEL STATE 118560, EMBASSY
WISHES TO DIRECT DEPT' S ATTENTION REFTEL MADRID 3343.
IN PARA 4 OF MADRID REFTEL EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED DEPT
APPROVAL FOR ECON COUNSELOR TO ACCOMPANY MULTINATIONAL
REPRESENTATION TO GOS, WHILE NOTING SOME ASPECTS OF
SITUATION EMBASSY BELIEVES MAY ARISE BEFORE AND DURING
NEGOTIATIONS.

2. EMBASSY STILL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO USG PARTICIPATION
IN REPRESENTATION. HOWEVER, STATE 118560 CONTAINS NO
REFERENCE TO MADRID 3343 AND EMBASSY STILL AWAITS DEPT
RESPONSE TO THE SEVERAL POINTS RAISED IN PARA 4 OF
MADRID REFTEL.

3. EMBASSY ALSO URGENTLY REQUESTS INFORMATION ON STATUS
OF PROPOSED OECD AND/ OR GATT NEGOTIATION EFFORTS.

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4. NEW SPANISH DUBBING FEE APPEARS EVEN HEAVIER THAN
OUTLINED IN MADRID REFTEL 3343, PARA 2. AFTER CLOSE
EXAMINATION OF TARIFF SCHEDULE PRESENTED IN BOLETIN
OFFICIAL DE ESTADO, EMBASSY INTERPRETS DUBBING FEE AS
STIFF CUMULATIVE TAX. EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT IN MADRID
REFTEL OF FLAT FEE OF 500,000 PESETAS FOR ANY LONG
FOREIGN FILM. EMBASSY NOW OUTLINES SECOND TAS STAGE AS
FOLLOWS: WHEN FILM DRAWS 30 MILLION PESETAS AT BOX OFFICE
IT MUST PAY 30,000 PESETAS FEE FOR EVERY REPEAT EVERY
MILLION EARNED BETWEEN 30 AND 35 MILLION. AT 35 MILLION
BOX OFFICE, THIS FEE INCREASES TO 35,000 PESETAS LEVIED
ON EVERY MILLION EARNED BETWEEN 35-40 MILLION. AT 40 MILLION
BOX OFFICE, FEE INCREASES TO 40,000 PESETAS FOR EVERY
MILLION UP TO 45 MILLION... AND SO ON. AT 80 MILLION BOX
OFFICE LEVLE, FEE FINALLY LEVELS OFF AT 80,000 PESETAS
FOR EVERY MILLION PESETAS EARNED. IT IS OBVIOUS GOS MAY
GREATLY INCREASE REVENUE WITH THIS FEE SCHEDULE, EXPECIALLY
AT EXPENSE OF THE MORE PROFITABLE FOREIGN FILMS.
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